

Wednesday.

June 9/47.

Dear brother Phelps,

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You need have no
fear that you will trust me. I have
as much leisure as moderation to serve
you this month. I hope you will call
upon to do whatever I can to make
you comfortable. Whatever you have
time to write about the Missionary &
Anti-S. cause will be very acceptable.
But do not make duplicates. Whatever
you write for Mr Whipple will do
for me.

The Ex. Com. elected
Prof. Hudson, last evening, Cor. Secy.
If I had younger years & ability I
should like to post myself.

Truly yours
Lewis Tappan

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John Adams
July 1776
Declaration of Independence

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new Government, laying its foundation on such principles, and establishing such a Constitution, as to them seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Forasmuch therefore as we have, to the best of our knowledge, given every opportunity to the British Government to redress the grievances of the Colonies, and to avert the necessity of recourse to Arms, and have nevertheless been compelled to declare ourselves a free and independent Nation, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the corresponding Responsibility for our Actions,



Rev. S. A. Phelps

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